(b) whether any steps have been taken to keep a balance between autonomy and accountability in the administration of public sector and administrative expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has received a Report of the Sub-Group of Consultative Committee of Parliament attached to Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions on Cost effectiveness in Public Sector.

(b) Government have been continuously endeavouring to keep a balance between autonomy and accountability in the adminstration of public sector and administrative expenditure.

Telephone exchanges in Tirunelveli and Tuticorin Districts

3198. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleassed to state:

(a) how many telephone exchanges are there in Tirunelveli and Tuticorin revenue districts of Tamil Nadu as on date; of them how many are rural exchanges;

(b) what is the capacity of urban exchanges;

(c) how many applications are on the waiting list in each urban exchange for connection, categorywise and how many are pending for more than two years and what are the future expansion plans of each of these urban exchanges;

(d) how many connections were given in each of these exchanges during the last three years, categorywise and yearwise; and

(e) how many more rural exchanges are to be set up in near future and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Information is appended in the statement (See below);

(c) and (d) Information is given in the Annexure *See* Appendix [CXLVII, Annexure No. 123]

(e) Two more rural exchanges *viz.*

(i) Burkitmanaga; and

(ii) Chettikurichi are planned to be set up in these districts during 1988-89.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of District	Total Number of Exchanges	No. of rural exchanges	Capacity of urban exchanges
1	Tirunelveli	58	45	8115 lines
2	Tuticorin	50	34	8820 Do.

Setting up of Electronic switch factories

3199. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any plan to set up more electronic switch factories in the country to meet the target of providing a public telephone in every village by the year 2000 A. D.;

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan to set up more electronic switch factories in the country and what would be the production targets;

(c) whether Government are going ahead with the proposed project for manufacturing cellular or car telephones; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?